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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PORG, LY  
SUBJ: OPENING OF ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE

REF: A) TRIPOLI 632 (NOTAL) B) TRIPOLI 0644

SUMMARY. EIGHTH ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE  
CONVENED EVENING MAY 16. ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS  
CONSPICUOUSLY ABSNET EXCEPT FOR SYRIA AND TUNISIA. QADHAFI ADDRESSES  
PARTICIPANTS. SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE ERITEREA, PALESTINE,  
ZIONISM, CYPRUS, PHILIPPINE/MORO SITUATION AND  
RHODESIA. CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY MORO LIBERATION  
LEADER MUSUARI, MAHMUD RIAD, CYPRIOT TURKISH LEADER  
DENKTASH AND AMERICAN BLACK MUSLIM LEADER. END SUMMARY.

1. THE EIGHT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE  
OPENED AT TRIPOLI'S "PEOPLES HALL" EVENING OF MAY 16.  
THE CONFERENCE CONVENED WITH SPEECH BY ITS DEPARTING  
CHAIRMAN, TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER ISHAN SABRI  
CAGLAYANGIL. THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER STRESSED  
THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFERENCE DECISIONS WHICH WILL  
AFFECT MUSLIMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN AN EFFORT TO  
STRESS THE NEED FOR ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY, CAGLAYANGIL  
SUGGESTED THAT THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES WERE PRESENTLY  
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UNDER SIEGE FROM THOSE HOSTILE IN ISLAM. AFTER THE  
TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS, LIBYAN FOREIGN  
MINISTER ALI TURAYKI WAS SWORN IN AS THE CHAIRMAN OF  
THE EIGHTH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE FOR THE COMING YEAR  
(POSITION OF CHAIRMAN TRADITIONALLY IS ASSUMED BY THE  
FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE HOST COUNTRY). THE  
PARTICIPATING DELEGATES RESPONDED WITH ENTHUSIASTIC  
APPLAUSE AT THE ELECTION OF BANGLADESH AS ONE OF THE  
TWO VICE CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE. GAMBIA WAS ALSO  
ELECTED AS THE SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN. TURKEY WAS  
ELECTED RAPORTEUR AND PAKISTAN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
DRAFTING COMMITTEE. DURING OPENING FORMALITIES,  
COLONEL QADHAFI ADDRESSED THE GATHERING (SEPTTEL).

2. AGENDA. THE EMPHASIS OF QADHAFI'S REMAKRS WERE  
ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL RIGHT OF VETO AND THE CREATION  
OF AN ISLAMIC RED CRESCENT SOCIETY. THESE ARE THE  
ONLY TWO ITEMS LIBYA WAS ABLE TO INTRODUCE INTO THE  
AGENDA. IT ALSO INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

REPORT OF JERUSALEM COMMITTEE, CAUSE OF PALESTINE,  
MIDDLE EAST QUESTION, CYPRUS QUESTION AND CAUSE OF  
TURKISH MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN CYPRUS, LATEST DEVELOPMENTS  
ON PROBLEM OF MUSLIMS IN THE PHILIPPINES, QUESTION OF  
INDEPENDENCE OF DJIBOUTI, REPORT OF SECRETARY GENERAL  
ON CONTACTS WITH LEADERS OF AFRICAN LIBERATION  
MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, REPORT ON PREPARATION  
OF PAPER ON ZIONISM AND ITS "CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
RACISM IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 1/7P OF THE  
SEVENTH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE."

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OTHER SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE: PROBLEMS OF MUSLIM MINORITIES, NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH ASIA AND "ZONE OF PEACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN," STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES, STUDY OF MINES PLANTED DURING WW II TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA OF 32ND SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOYCOTT OF RHODESIA AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANT TO AFRICAN STATES AFFECTED BY SANCTIONS, THE QUESTION OF MUSLIMS IN ERITEREA, THE UN THIRD LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, AND ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION AMONG ISLAMIC MUSLIM STATES WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED DURING CONFERENCE. OTHER ITEMS IN THE AGENDA INCLUDE: SUBJECT OF EXCHANGE OF LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY AMONG ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, ESTABLISHMENT OF CULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER IN ISTANBUL, ISLAMIC CENTER IN GUIENA-BISSAU, AN ISLAMIC INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCY, AN ISLAMIC BROADCASTING ORGANIZATION, AN ISLAMIC INSTITUTION FOR SCIENCE, THE ISSUANCE OF A PALESTINE STAMP FOR THE "MARTYRS OF THE PALESTINE CAUSE," QUESTION OF PILGRIMAGE, INTERNATIONAL ARABIC ISLAMIC SCHOOLS, AN ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND, CONSTRUCTION OF UNIVERSITIES IN NIGER AND UGANDA, ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENCY FOR MINORITIES AND THE CREATION OF A CHARITY FOR THE

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ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND.

3. MANY OF THE AGENDA ITEMS COVERING ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, FINANCIAL AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS HAVE ALREADY BEEN AGREED UPON BY DELEGATES DURING WORKING SESSION HELD ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CONFERENCE OPENING. COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION HAVE BEEN MEETING SINCE MAY 8 TO DRAFT AGREEMENTS AND APPARENTLY REACHED AGREEMENT ON THESE ISSUES. THE DRAFTS AWAIT FINAL APPROVAL BY THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS. THE ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS SPONSORED BY SAUDI ARABIA DURING THE LAST ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN LAHORE, PAKISTAN. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WHICH STUDIED THE AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY "CLAUSE BY CLAUSE" REACHED FINAL AGREEMENTS THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE. THE AGREEMENT ALSO MUST RECEIVE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS. IF ENDORSED, IT WILL ENCOURAGE CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN MEMBER STATES OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE BY ESTABLISHING JOINT ECONOMIC PROJECTS, ELIMINATING CUSTOMS ON DUTIES AND EXCHANGING RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE. THE AGREEMENT ALSO CREATES SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ISLAMIC CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE PRELIMINARY WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SUGGEST THAT THE DELEGATES WILL BE ABLE TO QUICKLY COVER THE MAJORITY OF THE 61 AGENDA ITEMS WITH LITTLE DEBATE LEAVING THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS TO CONCENTRATE ON THE SUBSTANTIVE POLITICAL ISSUE OF PALESTINE, ERYTHRAEA, CYPRUS, ISRAEL AND THE PHILIPPINES.

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4. ATTENDANCE. CONTRARY TO LIBYAN PRESS REPORTS  
(REFTEL A) CONCERNING PARTICIPATION OF ARAB FOREIGN  
MINISTERS, CONFERENCE OPENED WITH TUNISIAN FOREIGN  
MINISTER CHATTI ATTENDING. SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER  
KHADDAM ARRIVED MAY 17. SAUDI ARABIAN DELEGATION IS  
LED BY ITS DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. OBSERVERS  
ATTENDING CONFERENCE INCLUDE NURIBUSUARI, PHILIPPINE  
MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT; MAHMUD RIAD, SECRETARY  
GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE; AND TURKISH CYPRIOT  
LEADER RAUF DENKTASH. AMERICAN BLACK MUSLIM LEADER  
BALAIS (PHONETIC), THE SON OF ELIAJAH MOHAMAD ALSO  
ATTENDED OPENING SESSION. (RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED  
BALAIS ATTENDING TO MOVEMENT AMERICAN BLACK MUSLIMS

INTO MAINSTREAM OF ISLAM AND AWAY FROM EXTREMIST  
RACIAL POSITION. SOURCE STATED BALAIS EXPEVTS TO  
BE ASSASSINATED BY BLACK EXTREMISTS BECAUSE OF THIS  
MOVE.  
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